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Colorado Trends

Labor force data indicates Colorado's economy is still on the road to recovery. Lower unemployment coupled with a sizable increase in employment dropped the seasonally adjusted jobless rate to 7.0 percent of the labor force. January's rate was the lowest recorded in almost 2 years. Unemployment in December was revised to 7.4 percent and one year ago the level was 7.9 percent. An estimated 122,700 Coloradans were out of work during January, 2,500 fewer than in the prior month and 13,300 lower than last year at the same time.

Seasonally adjusted employment tacked on another good gain during the month adding just over 57,000 to reach 1,623,200. Annual job growth climbed to nearly 35,000. The current increase boosted the number of residents with jobs past the 1.6 million mark for the first time in two years.

The large January rise in employment was partly statistical in nature, however. Two different procedures are used to calculate employment and unemployment for the months of December and January which can sometimes cause erratic movements in the current data bridging the two periods. Similar swings have appeared in the January figures five of the last seven years. This year introduction of revisions in December data lowered total employment to 1,566,100, 31,700 below the original estimate. This, in combination with a reasonably strong January period led to the inordinately large December-January jump. In light of the current and previous volatility in State labor force estimates we urge you to continue to use caution in examining a one-month movement and recommend that you interpret data using an established two-three month trend.

Updated annual figures indicate that overall 1987 was a difficult year for the State's economy. Unemployment averaged 7.7 percent of the labor force, up from the already-high 7.4 percent experienced in 1986. The number of jobless, on average, was 4,000 above the prior year and labor force growth was virtually nonexistent (up 1,000). One measure of encouragement, however, was the indication of a slow recovery beginning late in the year.

Improved labor force conditions are reflected in recent activities reported by the Department's Job Services Centers located throughout the State. Job placements totaled almost 5,000 during January, 28 percent higher than a year ago. And, the number of persons filing new or continued claims for unemployment benefits fell 17 percent in the survey period compared to January 1987.

Overall, the State's economy cannot be described as strong, but one holding and adding to the moderate gains made during the last few months.

For the nation as a whole, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the January rate

of unemployment at 5.8 percent and the number of unemployed at 7.0 million were unchanged from the prior month. Total civilian employment rose by 385,000 to a record 114.1 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment fell in January to 1,395,500, a drop of 20,100 from the 1,415,600 recorded in December. Although all major industrial sectors registered losses during the month, the decline was seasonal in nature. After adjustment, the January performance was actually slightly above average for the period. Total wage and salary jobs in the State continue to show small growth when compared to year ago figures, up 1,900 from January 1987's total of 1,393,600.

Agriculture showed a 4,300 employment increase in January. It should be noted that beginning with this month's release, agricultural estimates for the State and its subareas are derived using more recent information. The restoration of the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Labor Survey allows for more continuous updating of agricultural employment estimates.

Trade fell 4,500 during January, but was stronger than normal, however, as the drop was only about half of the expected seasonal decline for the period.

One disappointment was manufacturing. This industry which had been showing consistent gains the past several months lost 2,600 jobs in January, a larger amount than seasonally anticipated. Previously announced layoffs and earlier than normal seasonal cutbacks were responsible.

The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment in the DENVER MSA fell to 6.2 percent in January. The rate compares favorably to both the 7.2 percent of last January and the 6.9 percent recorded in December.

After adjustment for normal seasonal patterns, the number of jobless Metro residents fell 4,700 in January to 56,500. This is 8,100 below the 64,600 estimated one year ago.

The number of Area residents holding jobs jumped 23,900 over the month to 854,800. While some of the increase is attributable to the statistical procedure which links the December-January estimates each year, over the year employment growth is still a respectable 16,200.

The nonfarm job decline of 12,300 in the Region was below seasonal expectations for January. This series now stands at 788,600, up 800 over last January's level of 787,800. Job losses in construction (down 1,900), transportation, communication, and public utilities (down 2,100), and services (down 1,600) were greater than normal for this time of year. Both trade (down 2,800) and government (down 2,600) posted fewer than usual drops for the period, while other industry groups showed typical seasonal movements.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REBASED

The Consumer Price Index has shifted to a new reference base year. All indexes previously expressed on a base of 1967=100, or any other base through December 1981, have been rebased to 1982-84=100. The just released Denver Area All Urban Consumers Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) of 111.6 (1982-84=100) means that a market basket of goods and services which cost $100.00 in the average of the three-year period, 1982 to 1984, cost $111.60 in the second half of 1987.

The Denver Area July through December 1987 semiannual average index for All Urban Consumers increased 1.5 percent from the average for the first half of 1987 and was 3.0 percent higher than the July through December 1986 average.

For the most part, price increases have remained moderate throughout the past year, except for transportation costs which spurted 9.2 percent between the second half of 1986 and second half of 1987. A steep 19.0 percent rise in the cost of motor fuel during this period was responsible.

Medical care costs increased 5.8 percent over the year and other goods and services were up 5.6 percent.

All other components comprising the Denver CPI were well behaved. Food and beverage costs increased only 0.2 percent from a year ago. Food at home (primarily those items purchased at food stores) actually fell 2.4 percent while food away from home (up 1.9 percent) and alcoholic beverages (up 5.8 percent) were higher. Housing prices rose only 1.9 percent and entertainment costs were up but 0.3 percent. Meanwhile apparel and upkeep fell 0.5 percent due mostly to a 10.2 percent drop in the price of footwear.

For more information regarding the historical series of the newly rebased Denver CPI, please contact the Labor Market Information Section at (303) 620-4554.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*

INDEX COMPONENTS	AVG. 2ND HALF '87	% CH. 1ST HALF '87	% CH. 2ND HALF '86
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	111.6	1.5	3.0
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	107.9	- 0.7	0.2
Food	107.0	- 1.0	- 0.4
Food at Home	105.4	- 1.2	- 2.4
Cereals and Bakery Products	108.6	- 1.0	- 0.1
Meats, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs	107.9	- 1.7	- 1.6
Dairy Products	102.9	- 3.0	- 2.0
Fruits and Vegetables	102.7	- 6.8	- 1.8
Other Foods at Home	103.9	- 3.0	- 4.9
Food Away From Home	108.6	1.1	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages	117.7	2.2	5.8
HOUSING	110.0	0.8	1.9
Shelter	113.2	1.0	2.9
**Renters' Costs	119.5	1.0	5.1
Rent, Residential	109.9	- 0.5	0.5
Other Renters' Costs	139.6	5.2	20.4
**Homeowners' Costs	114.3	0.7	2.0
Fuel and Other Utilities	103.9	0.6	- 2.2
Fuels	98.2	- 0.2	- 5.0
Fuel Oil, Coal, and Bottled Gas	79.7	- 2.6	- 10.9
Gas (piped) and Electricity	98.7	- 0.2	- 4.9
Household Furnishings and Operation	103.6	0	1.0
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	104.0	3.9	- 0.5
Men's & Boys' Apparel	107.8	3.3	- 0.6
Women's & Girls' Apparel	100.2	9.4	6.1
Footwear	96.7	3.1	- 10.2
TRANSPORTATION	110.2	4.4	9.2
Private Transportation	108.7	3.2	8.3
Public Transportation	123.3	13.2	14.7
MEDICAL CARE	133.3	1.9	5.8
Medical Care Services	131.4	1.4	5.0
ENTERTAINMENT	108.1	0.3	0.3
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	134.2	2.4	5.6

* Produced by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain-Plains Regions VII & VIII, Kansas City, Missouri. ** November 1982=100.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	JAN 1988	DEC 1987	OCT 1987	JAN 1987	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1745.9	1691.3	1684.8	1724.4	54.6	61.1	21.5
Unemployment	122.7	125.2	119.4	136.0	-2.5	3.3	-13.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.4	7.1	7.9	---	---	---
Employment	1623.2	1566.1	1565.4	1588.4	57.1	57.8	34.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1408.1	1405.1	1399.4	1410.1	3.0	8.7	-2.0
Mining	20.8	20.8	20.9	21.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.9
Contract Construction	64.7	66.8	66.1	72.8	-2.1	-1.4	-8.1
Manufacturing	185.1	186.7	184.2	184.5	-1.2	0.9	0.6
Durable Goods	118.5	119	117.4	117.6	-0.5	1.1	0.9
Nondurable Goods	66.6	67.3	66.4	67.1	-0.7	0.2	-0.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	84.5	83.9	84.2	84.6	0.6	0.3	-0.1
Trade	355.9	351.1	350.3	351.3	4.8	5.6	4.6
Wholesale	76.1	76.1	76.0	77.3	0.0	0.1	-1.2
Retail	279.8	275.0	274.3	273.9	4.8	5.5	5.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	98.2	98.0	98.4	99.6	0.2	-0.2	-1.4
Services	332.5	332.8	332.4	331.8	-0.3	0.1	0.7
Government	266.4	265.4	263.3	261.4	1.0	3.1	5.0
Federal	55.1	55.4	54.5	54.0	-0.3	0.6	1.1
State	63.0	62.3	61.4	60.8	0.7	1.6	2.2
Local	148.3	147.7	147.3	145.5	0.6	1.0	2.8
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	911.3	892.1	884.4	903.2	19.2	26.9	8.1
Unemployment	56.5	61.2	58.0	64.6	-4.7	-1.5	-8.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.9	6.6	7.2	---	---	---
Employment	854.8	830.9	826.4	838.6	23.9	28.4	16.2
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	798.6	796.8	793.9	796.9	1.8	4.7	1.7
Mining	13.8	13.7	14.0	14.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.3
Contract Construction	36.7	37.6	36.9	39.3	-0.9	-0.2	-2.6
Manufacturing	94.9	94.6	94.5	95.5	0.3	0.4	-0.6
Durable Goods	51.6	51.2	51.3	51.7	0.4	0.3	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	43.3	43.4	43.3	43.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	60.5	61.5	61.5	60.5	-1.0	-1.0	0.0
Trade	202.7	199.7	199.5	200.5	3.0	3.2	2.2
Wholesale	54.3	54.3	54.3	55.2	0.0	0.0	-0.9
Retail	148.4	145.4	145.0	145.3	3.0	3.4	3.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	66.7	66.8	66.9	67.6	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9
Services	195.6	196.9	196.3	196.0	-1.3	-0.7	-0.4
Government	127.7	126.0	124.6	124.5	1.7	3.1	3.2
Federal	31.9	32.2	31.8	31.6	-0.3	0.1	0.3
State	27.8	26.3	25.6	26.0	1.5	2.2	1.8
Local	68.0	67.5	67.1	66.9	0.5	0.9	1.1
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	133980	132710	129780	131180	1270	4200	2800
Unemployment	6830	7440	6630	7910	-610	200	-1080
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.6	5.1	6.0	---	---	---
Employment	127150	125270	123150	123270	1880	4000	3880
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	194020	186670	189040	192410	7350	4980	1610
Unemployment	16060	15160	15040	15310	900	1020	750
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.1	7.9	7.9	---	---	---
Employment	177960	171510	174000	177100	6450	3960	860
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	95060	89840	89470	92890	5220	5590	2170
Unemployment	6500	6300	5640	6450	200	860	50
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	7.0	6.3	6.9	---	---	---
Employment	88560	83540	83830	86440	5020	4730	2120
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	70040	66200	65450	67330	3840	4590	2710
Unemployment	5330	5270	5180	5670	60	150	-340
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	8.0	7.9	8.4	---	---	---
Employment	64710	60930	60270	61660	3780	4440	3050
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	50710	49990	49540	50240	720	1170	470
Unemployment	5000	5170	4740	5870	-170	260	-870
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	10.3	9.6	11.7	---	---	---
Employment	45710	44820	44800	44370	890	910	1340

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	JAN 2/ 1988	DEC 3/ 1987	JAN 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1714.1	1692.3	1694.7	21800	19400
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	133.1	124.6	147.6	8500	-14500
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.4	8.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1581.0	1567.7	1547.1	13300	33900
Nonagricultural 5/	1548.5	1539.5	1521.5	9000	27000
Agricultural	32.5	28.2	25.6	4300	6900
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1395.5	1415.6	1393.6	-20100	1900
(by place of work)					
MINING	20.8	21.1	21.7	-300	-900
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	3.6	3.8	3.5	-200	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.2	14.4	14.7	-200	-500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	59.5	63.7	67.0	-4200	-7500
General Building Contractors	14.3	14.5	16.8	-200	-2500
Heavy Construction Contractors	7.3	8.9	8.7	-1600	-1400
Special Trade Contractors	37.9	40.3	41.5	-2400	-3600
MANUFACTURING	183.5	186.1	183.1	-2600	400
Durable Goods	117.3	118.4	116.4	-1100	900
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.8	6.9	6.7	-100	100
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.6	7.9	8.1	-300	-500
Primary & Fabricated Metals	12.8	12.9	12.2	-100	600
Machinery, except Electrical	26.3	26.3	24.6	0	1700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	22.5	22.8	23.3	-300	-800
Transportation Equipment	17.7	17.7	17.6	0	100
Nondurable Goods	66.2	67.7	66.7	-1500	-500
Food & Kindred Products	24.9	25.2	24.8	-300	100
Printing & Publishing	22.1	22.7	22.2	-600	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	83.9	85.0	84.0	-1100	-100
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	44.9	45.2	46.4	-300	-1500
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	354.7	359.2	350.1	-4500	4600
Wholesale Trade	75.5	76.0	76.7	-500	-1200
Retail Trade	279.2	283.2	273.4	-4000	5800
General Merchandise Stores	34.2	36.5	31.4	-2300	2800
Food Stores	42.8	42.6	40.4	200	2400
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	27.6	27.9	27.7	-300	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	103.5	103.8	103.1	-300	400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	98.1	98.2	99.5	-100	-1400
Banking	21.0	21.1	21.8	-100	-800
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	18.6	18.7	19.4	-100	-800
SERVICES	331.2	332.1	330.5	-900	700
Hotels & Other Lodging	28.1	27.8	28.4	300	-300
Personal Services	16.4	16.2	16.4	200	0
Business Services	73.3	73.6	72.7	-300	600
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	15.9	15.9	16.0	0	-100
Amusements & Recreation	22.6	22.6	22.9	0	-300
Health Services	84.4	84.2	82.6	200	1800
Hospitals	35.8	35.9	34.9	-100	900
GOVERNMENT	263.8	270.2	257.7	-6400	6100
Federal Government	54.4	55.3	53.3	-900	1100
State Government	61.2	65.3	59.1	-4100	2100
Education	37.1	41.0	35.9	-3900	1200
Local Government	148.2	149.6	145.3	-1400	2900
Education	82.2	83.0	80.9	-800	1300
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	JAN 2/ 1988	DEC 3/ 1987	JAN 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	897.9	892.5	890.9	5400	7000
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	61.9	60.8	70.7	1100	-8800
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	6.8	7.9	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	836.0	831.7	820.2	4300	15800
Nonagricultural 5/	830.2	826.7	815.7	3500	14500
Agricultural	5.8	5.0	4.5	800	1300
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	788.6	800.9	787.8	-12300	800
MINING	13.8	13.9	14.1	-100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	11.6	11.8	12.1	-200	-500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	34.2	36.1	36.7	-1900	-2500
MANUFACTURING	94.1	94.7	94.5	-600	-400
Durable Goods	51.2	51.3	51.3	-100	-100
Transportation Equipment	15.8	15.8	15.9	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	42.9	43.4	43.2	-500	-300
Food & Kindred Products	13.6	13.8	14.0	-200	-400
Printing & Publishing	13.0	13.1	12.9	-100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	60.0	62.1	60.0	-2100	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	202.0	204.8	199.8	-2800	2200
Wholesale Trade	54.0	54.3	54.9	-300	-900
Retail Trade	148.0	150.5	144.9	-2500	3100
Eating & Drinking Places	52.0	52.1	52.9	-100	-900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	66.0	66.6	66.9	-600	-900
SERVICES	192.9	194.5	193.2	-1600	-300
Hotels & Other Lodging	10.2	10.4	10.5	-200	-300
Health Services	46.8	46.8	46.5	0	300
GOVERNMENT	125.6	128.2	122.6	-2600	3000
Federal Government	31.9	32.5	31.6	-600	300
State Government	25.9	26.9	24.3	-1000	1600
Local Government	67.8	68.8	66.7	-1000	1100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	JAN 2/ 1988	DEC 3/ 1987	JAN 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	131.7	132.4	129.1	-700	2600
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	7.5	7.5	8.7	0	-1200
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.7	6.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	124.2	124.9	120.4	-700	3800
Nonagricultural 5/	122.9	123.8	119.4	-900	3500
Agricultural	1.3	1.1	1.0	200	300
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	103.9	106.8	102.5	-2900	1400
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.2	0	100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.4	3.5	-200	-300
MANUFACTURING	28.3	29.1	28.1	-800	200
Durable Goods	23.3	23.8	23.0	-500	300
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.3	5.1	-300	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	22.7	23.3	22.5	-600	200
Wholesale Trade	2.4	2.5	2.6	-100	-200
Retail Trade	20.3	20.8	19.9	-500	400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
SERVICES	21.6	21.7	21.1	-100	500
GOVERNMENT	21.4	21.6	20.7	-1200	700
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	200
State Government	9.4	10.5	9.2	-1100	200
Local Government	9.3	9.4	9.0	-100	300
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	JANUARY 1988 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	DECEMBER 1987 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5967	5373	594	10.0	--	5829	5300	529	9.1
ARCHULETA	2645	2379	266	10.1	--	2551	2313	238	9.3
BACA	1907	1813	94	4.9	--	1781	1703	78	4.4
BENT	2180	2002	178	8.2	--	2087	1927	160	7.7
CHAFFEE	6545	5754	791	12.1	--	6384	5682	702	11.0
CHEYENNE	917	870	47	5.1	--	853	829	24	2.8
CLEAR CREEK	2393	2112	281	11.7	--	2346	2079	267	11.4
CO. SPGS. MSA	190562	173151	17411	9.1	--	187044	171856	15188	8.1
CONEJOS	2578	2031	547	21.2	--	2413	1964	449	18.6
COSTILLA	877	699	178	20.3	--	867	672	195	22.5
CROWLEY	1420	1298	122	8.6	--	1380	1259	121	8.8
CUSTER	904	833	71	7.9	--	849	795	54	6.4
DELTA	8267	7084	1183	14.3	--	7932	7082	850	10.7
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1029654	960219	69435	6.7	--	1024961	956629	68332	6.7
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	131723	124226	7497	5.7	--	132401	124891	7510	5.7
-DENVER MSA	897931	835993	61938	6.9	--	892560	831738	60822	6.8
---ADAMS	152449	138995	13454	8.8	--	150931	138288	12643	8.4
---ARAPAHOE	213098	201120	11978	5.6	--	212106	200096	12010	5.7
---DENVER	275302	254907	20395	7.4	--	274064	253609	20455	7.5
---DOUGLAS	20269	19063	1206	5.9	--	20018	18966	1052	5.3
---JEFFERSON	236813	221908	14905	6.3	--	235441	220779	14662	6.2
DOLORES	835	764	71	8.5	--	787	739	48	6.1
EAGLE	13151	12525	626	4.8	--	12731	12096	635	5.0
ELBERT	3819	3320	499	13.1	--	3663	3262	401	10.9
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	91890	84395	7495	8.2	--	90448	83794	6654	7.4
FREMONT	11720	10130	1590	13.6	--	11376	10056	1320	11.6
GARFIELD	14540	13162	1378	9.5	--	14146	12934	1212	8.6
GILPIN	1256	1134	122	9.7	--	1253	1129	124	9.9
GRAND	5396	5197	199	3.7	--	5243	5005	238	4.5
GREELEY MSA	67182	61147	6035	9.0	--	65242	59776	5466	8.4
GUNNISON	5862	5498	364	6.2	--	5713	5379	334	5.8
HINSDALE	380	361	19	5.0	--	355	344	11	3.1
HUERFANO	2309	2033	276	12.0	--	2213	1964	249	11.3
JACKSON	1002	925	77	7.7	--	945	889	56	5.9
KIOWA	935	888	47	5.0	--	885	829	56	6.3
KIT CARSON	3517	3343	174	4.9	--	3333	3170	163	4.9
LAKE	1515	1294	221	14.6	--	1515	1268	247	16.3
LA PLATA	16740	15321	1419	8.5	--	16355	14964	1391	8.5
LAS ANIMAS	4867	4310	557	11.4	--	4697	4248	449	9.6
LINCOLN	1938	1852	86	4.4	--	1863	1778	85	4.6
LOGAN	8383	7963	420	5.0	--	8291	7715	576	6.9
MESA	40072	35455	4617	11.5	--	38885	34884	4001	10.3
MINERAL	299	252	47	15.7	--	281	244	37	13.2
MOFFAT	5027	4457	570	11.3	--	4902	4382	520	10.6
MONTEZUMA	9126	7855	1271	13.9	--	8698	7688	1010	11.6
MONTROSE	11591	10041	1550	13.4	--	11074	9956	1118	10.1
MORGAN	9448	8749	699	7.4	--	9175	8525	650	7.1
OTERO	8385	7281	1104	13.2	--	8092	7210	882	10.9
OURAY	1201	1057	144	12.0	--	1146	1027	119	10.4
PARK	2964	2660	304	10.3	--	2871	2596	275	9.6
PHILLIPS	2086	1996	90	4.3	--	1947	1871	76	3.9
PITKIN	8931	8708	223	2.5	--	8807	8467	340	3.9
PROWERS	6567	6110	457	7.0	--	6238	5956	282	4.5
PUEBLO MSA	50476	44886	5590	11.1	--	49567	44376	5191	10.5
RIO BLANCO	2605	2408	197	7.6	--	2564	2371	193	7.5
RIO GRANDE	5496	4568	928	16.9	--	5208	4510	698	13.4
ROUTT	8900	8381	519	5.8	--	8659	8119	540	6.2
SAGUACHE	1518	1254	264	17.4	--	1398	1188	210	15.0
SAN JUAN	529	463	66	12.5	--	529	457	72	13.6
SAN MIGUEL	2513	2322	191	7.6	--	2431	2271	160	6.6
SEDGWICK	1322	1241	81	6.1	--	1257	1183	74	5.9
SUMMIT	8802	8468	334	3.8	--	8637	8284	353	4.1
TELLER	5437	4807	630	11.6	--	5317	4749	568	10.7
WASHINGTON	2311	2163	148	6.4	--	2128	2015	113	5.3
YUMA	4436	4209	227	5.1	--	4135	3953	182	4.4
STATE TOTAL	1714095	1580971	133124	7.8	--	1692277	1567711	124566	7.4

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

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STATE OF COLORADO
JANUARY 1987 REVISED

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5920	5194	726	12.3
ARCHULETA	2480	2205	275	11.1
BACA	1736	1652	84	4.8
BENT	2053	1868	185	9.0
CHAFFEE	6788	5844	944	13.9
CHEYENNE	872	817	55	6.3
CLEAR CREEK	2872	2523	349	12.2
CO. SPGS. MSA	188947	172287	16660	8.8
CONEJOS	2574	1936	638	24.8
COSTILLA	903	659	244	27.0
CROWLEY	1003	890	113	11.3
CUSTER	850	776	74	8.7
DELTA	8105	6809	1296	16.0
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1020000	940589	79411	7.8
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129121	120431	8690	6.7
-DENVER MSA	890879	820158	70721	7.9
---ADAMS	151546	136362	15184	10.0
---ARAPAHOE	211241	197311	13930	6.6
---DENVER	274204	250078	24126	8.8
---DOUGLAS	20013	18702	1311	6.6
---JEFFERSON	233875	217705	16170	6.9
DOLORES	822	734	88	10.7
EAGLE	12516	11894	622	5.0
ELBERT	3815	3325	490	12.8
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	89812	82380	7432	8.3
FREMONT	11811	10117	1694	14.3
GARFIELD	14596	13017	1579	10.8
GILPIN	1271	1142	129	10.1
GRAND	5413	5181	232	4.3
GREELEY MSA	64696	58271	6425	9.9
GUNNISON	5727	5348	379	6.6
HINSDALE	367	336	31	8.4
HUERFANO	2404	1928	476	19.8
JACKSON	914	875	39	4.3
KIOWA	850	797	53	6.2
KIT CARSON	3307	3114	193	5.8
LAKE	1689	1371	318	18.8
LA PLATA	16739	14985	1754	10.5
LAS ANIMAS	4910	4094	816	16.6
LINCOLN	1885	1750	135	7.2
LOGAN	8687	7977	710	8.2
MESA	39377	34358	5019	12.7
MINERAL	305	239	66	21.6
MOFFAT	5206	4422	784	15.1
MONTEZUMA	9105	7472	1633	17.9
MONTROSE	11127	9794	1333	12.0
MORGAN	9388	8416	972	10.4
OTERO	8274	7238	1036	12.5
OURAY	1177	1015	162	13.8
PARK	2877	2559	318	11.1
PHILLIPS	1905	1809	96	5.0
PITKIN	8743	8435	308	3.5
PROWERS	6434	5892	542	8.4
PUEBLO MSA	50126	43570	6556	13.1
RIO BLANCO	2696	2417	279	10.3
RIO GRANDE	5215	4241	974	18.7
ROUTT	8918	8270	648	7.3
SAGUACHE	1471	1159	312	21.2
SAN JUAN	671	560	111	16.5
SAN MIGUEL	2504	2326	178	7.1
SEDGWICK	1306	1167	139	10.6
SUMMIT	8960	8548	412	4.6
TELLER	5456	4820	636	11.7
WASHINGTON	2111	1943	168	8.0
YUMA	3918	3699	219	5.6
STATE TOTAL	1694604	1547054	147550	8.7

ALL ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA. ESTIMATES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. 2-10-88 12-86 CES&BASE

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES Z/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN 2/ 1988	DEC 3/ 1987	JAN 1987	JAN 2/ 1988	DEC 3/ 1987	JAN 1987	JAN 2/ 1988	DEC 3/ 1987	JAN 1987
CONSTRUCTION	$456.92	$463.80	$415.00	36.7	37.5	32.6	$12.45	$12.37	$12.73
MANUFACTURING	$406.18	$413.51	$393.39	39.9	40.7	39.3	$10.18	$10.16	$10.01
Durable Goods	$421.89	$430.78	$414.73	41.2	42.4	40.7	$10.24	$10.16	$10.19
Nondurable Goods	$383.42	$389.51	$362.18	38.0	38.3	37.3	$10.09	$10.17	$9.71

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN 2/ 1988	DEC 3/ 1987	JAN 1987	JAN 2/ 1988	DEC 3/ 1987	JAN 1987	JAN 2/ 1988	DEC 3/ 1987	JAN 1987
CONSTRUCTION	$502.71	$495.52	$438.10	38.2	38.0	32.5	$13.16	$13.04	$13.48
MANUFACTURING	$401.70	$425.49	$403.67	39.0	40.6	37.0	$10.30	$10.48	$10.91
Durable Goods	$450.55	$492.59	$436.62	40.3	43.4	38.3	$11.18	$11.35	$11.40
Nondurable Goods	$354.00	$361.19	$372.68	37.7	37.9	35.8	$9.39	$9.53	$10.41

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	JAN 1988	DEC 1987	JAN 1987	JAN 1988	DEC 1987	JAN 1987
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	19,360	18,968	19,862	9,919	9,545	10,212
Continued Claims	141,331	136,706	182,328	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	113,194	108,796	147,199	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$17,884,351	$17,182,071	$23,554,980	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$79,470,583	$90,385,411	$58,320,773	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	13,246	11,803	15,902	6,121	5,521	8,366
Nonagricultural Placements	4,880	5,007	3,860	1,697	1,613	1,629
Agricultural Placements	110	86	46	21	13	18

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

December 1987 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	120,206	1692.3	1681.4	456.5	396.9	678.8	768.1	233.7
Unemployment	6,526	124.6	93.2	36.2	31.1	55.1	44.4	18.0
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.4	7.4	5.5	7.9	7.8	8.1	5.8	7.7
Employment	113,679	1567.7	1588.2	420.3	365.8	623.7	723.7	215.7

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.
5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.
6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on December 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.
7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.
8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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